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Gustave Noske, the German minister of defense, is the man who is combating the Spartacans throughout the German republic.

## OBJECT TO FREE LOVE

### Russ Women Refuse to Be Communized by Reds.

**Whole Villages Are Raided by Men  
and Girls Are Abducted in the  
Name of the Law.**

London, April 23.—The law providing for the nationalization of women in Northeast Russia has been suspended in one province as the result of popular outcry, according to information reaching London from Stockholm.

The commissary of Vladimir by decree has appointed a committee of women who are to inquire into the operations of the law and make a report with the least possible delay. His action. The system provides that every soldier

The *Krasnaya Gazeta* publishes an account of the results of nationalization. The system provides that every girl on reaching the age of eighteen must register her name in the bureau of free love, after which she is compelled to select a partner from among men between nineteen and fifty years old. The law led to lamentable confusion, says the *Gazeta*, in "judicial notions as to personal inviolability."

A few days after the soviet's decree

which women very generally ignored, two men known to nobody arrived in the town and seized the two daughters of a "well-known nonpurgeous comrade," declaring they had chosen them as wives and that the girls without further ceremony must submit, as they had not observed the registration rule.

"Comrades Rabionowsky and Guragin," who sat as judges on the claim, decided the men were right, and the girls were carried off. They have not since been heard of by the village folk. This, says the Gazette, was done in the name of the nationalization of women.

Many other instances of the fantastic operation of the law, not to speak of the inhumanities, are cited by the *Gazeta*. Enthusiastic for nationalization, males raid whole villages, seize women, girls and dependents of the

young girls and demand proof that they are not over eighteen. As this proof is difficult to give, many of the girls are carried off and there have been suicides and murders as a result.

In the town of Kovrov a campaign without parallel since the Trojan war was waged between the vengeful relatives of an abducted nationalized girl and her persecutors.

In this town the "register of nationalized women" was opened on December 1, but on February 1 last, only two women, both over forty, and neither of whom had ever been mar-

On the committee which is to revise the nationalization decree or to recommend its complete abrogation sit-

Mme. Vera Arkadieff, a bolshevik, who commanded a detachment of women soldiers during the recent operation against Admiral Kolchak's army at Perm. She has been wounded twice."

**Yank Deaths Total 75,344.**  
Washington.—Revised casualty totals, announced by the War Depart-

ment, placed the total of dead in the army and marine corps at 75,344, of which 33,887 were killed in action. Prisoners reported were 4,791, including 15 now reported to be held by the

Bolshevik. Of prisoners previously held by the Central Powers the records now show 281 died during internment and 118 of doubtful status. The grand total of wounded in the list is 301,220, of whom it has been estimated

201,250, of whom it has been estimated more than 85 per cent returned.